第二話　妖刀狗肉

CHAPTER 2　DEMON BLADE, DOG MEAT

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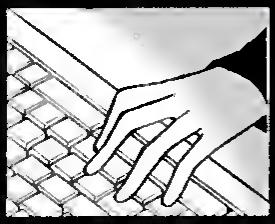
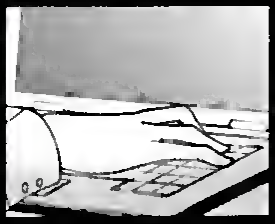


Konro: Hove you heord?
The slosher's victim todoy is o reporter from 'Tokyo World' who wos reporting disosters in Tokyo

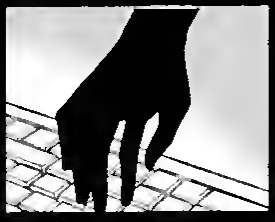
Setton: Reolly?
...Is he olright?

Kanro: And then~
He hod some other injuries os well!
He hod some other injuries oside from the injury he got from being sloshed

Setton: Is thot so...



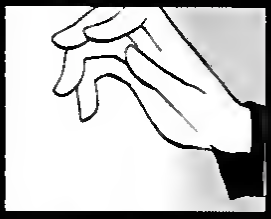
Tonoko Toro: ? Do you guys know him?



Setton: No, I don't...
But I'm o fon of his works

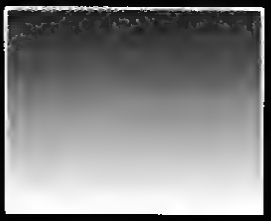
- Saika has entered the chatroom -

Kanra: It's here ----------!!



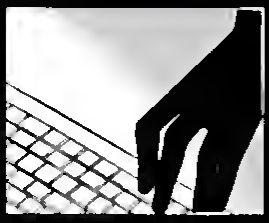
Settan: Goad evening, Saika

Saika: Killed. Peaple. But. Nat enaugh.

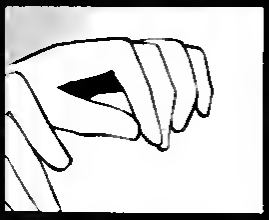


Kanra: It won't da Settan
It's not responding ta yau-

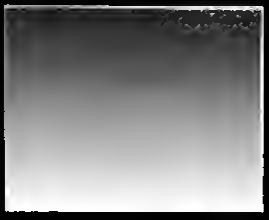
Tanaka Tara: Maybe it's a bot.
It's making me feel
uncamfartable.



Settan: There are ather chatrooms that dislike him too~.

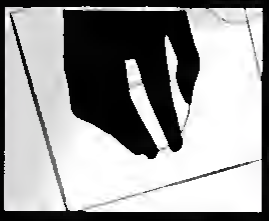


Tanaka Tara: But he talks about slashing... As if he's the slasher himself.



Saika: Cantinue. Slashing. Want. Be strang.

Kanra: By the way, he always appears when a new victim appears, back then taa. It's the sward! The sword's typing an a keybaard!

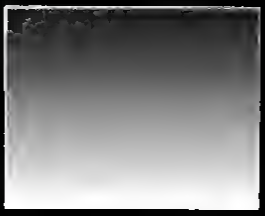


Settan: Monsters can't use the internet-

Saika: Moremaremoremaremoremoremaremore

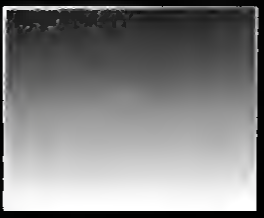
Saika: Finally. Claser. My. Lave.

Saika: Goal. Faund it. Lave. Faund it.
Shizua. Heiwajima. Shizua.

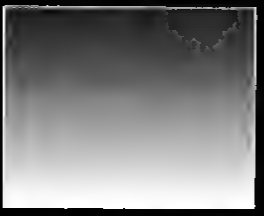


Tanaka Tara: Eh? Da yau know Shizua?

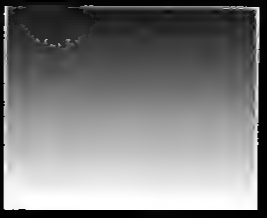
Saika: I lave Shizua want ta kill Heiwajima
I want ta kill Heiwajima
I lave Shizua

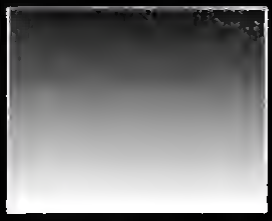


Saika: Far lave far lave far lave far lave



Saika: Heiwajima Heiwajima Heiwajima





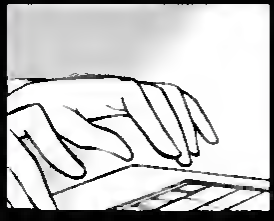
Soiko: Shizuo Shizuo Shizuo Shizuo

(private mode)

Tanaka Tara: ...Izaya-san

(private mode)

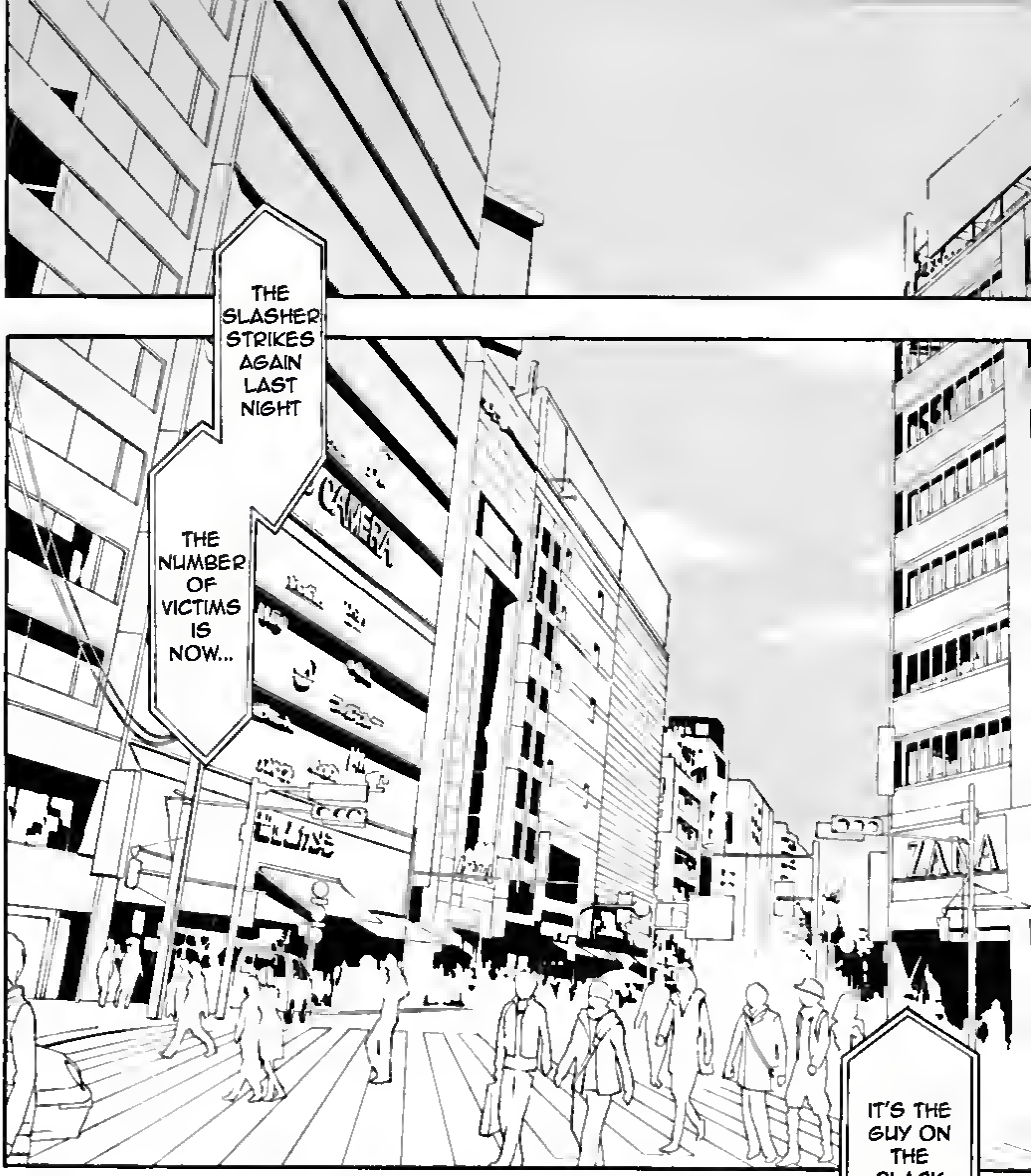
Konra: Hm maybe he knaws Shizua?
Na, haw can Shizua get alang with a annoying guy like him



Tonoko Toro: Before it goes privote I think it'd be better if I sign off. Then I'll log off now~

Setton: I'll be leoving too then~

Kanro: Let's coll it o doy~


THE SLASHER STRIKES AGAIN LAST NIGHT
THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS IS NOW...
CAMERA
ZARA
IT'S THE GUY ON THE BLACK MOTORBIKE ISN'T IT... OR SOMEONE LIKE THAT
THIS IS BAD

WHAT'S UP DOTA-CHIN?
KADOTA-SAN, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
INCLUDING THE VICTIM FROM LAST NIGHT, THE NUMBER HAS SURPASSED FIFTY
THE SLASHER'S VICTIMS
HE ATTACKED FIFTY PEOPLE?!

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AAH RIGHT
SEEMS LIKE IT STARTED WHEN A DELINQUENT WAS ATTACKED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
THE VICTIM KEPT SAYING THAT HE WAS 'SLASHED BY A BLADE'
THEY ONLY USED THAT FACT TO CREATE A FUSS
NOT LIKE IT'S A BIG NEWS
THEN, A COUPLE WAS ATTACKED ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THAT THE ASSAULTER IN THESE INCIDENTS IS THE SAME PERSON AND THAT STARTED THIS TOPIC
BUT THEN TWO MONTHS LATER A NORMAL OFFICE WORKER WHO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UNDERWORLD WAS ATTACKED
I HEARD A NEW VICTIM APPEARS EVERYDAY NOW
RECENTLY ALL THE TV SHOWS AND MAGAZINES ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS 'DEMON SLASHER'

YEAH, SEEMS SO
BUT NOBODY DIED?
HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?
ABOUT THE DEMON SLASHER
OR ABOUT THE VICTIMS...
...HM?
I THINK THE FEMALE PROTAGONIST MUST BE A ROYAL!
NOOOO~ SHOULD BE A DIVINE GODDESS!

AND YOU GUYS ARE HAVING SUCH A HEATED DISCUSSION ABOUT MANGA!
EVERYONE ELSE IS WORRIED RIGHT NOW
YOU GUYS...
わや
わや
わや
REA-LLY
IF THE ATTACKER IS SOMEONE LIKE YOU TWO, THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT
THEY'LL SAY THAT 'THE ATTACKER IS A FANATIC WHO CAN'T DIFFER REALITY FROM MANGA'
!!?

your words truly annoys me!
can't differ 2d from 3d?
what did you say Kaoto
A MANIAC
WOULD BE ABLE TO DIFFER THE 2D FROM 3D AND NOT JUST THAT
HE WOULD SURELY CHOOSE THE 2D WORLD!
THE 3D WORLD MUST BE THROWN INTO A DUSTBIN!
SOMEONE WHO HATES THE 2D WORLD THEN PROCEEDS TO ATTACKING PEOPLE IN REALITY IS NO MANIAC!
I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE WHO HATES THE 2D WORLD!

THEY UNDERSTAND THESE FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT KEEP STIRRING THIS UP ON PURPOSE
THAT'S STUPID, YUMASAKI
AND YOU HOPE SPECIAL SHOWS AND NEWSPAPERS CAN UNDERSTAND THESE!
IS... IS THAT SO
トスッ
SO THAT THEY CAN EARN MORE MONEY
DAMN!
IF THE ASSAULTER CAN CONTROL TIME, SURELY HE CAN STOP THE TV BROADCASTS RIGHT?!
BUT I REALLY LIKE THIS PERIOD SO PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON ME

EHP ME TOO
!
SAME HERE
I GOT IT TOO
MAIL?
!
CAN'T TURN A BLIND EYE TO THIS ANYMORE
...YOU
EXT TO TEXT
A member of Dollars was attacked by the Slasher
Need info
Need info
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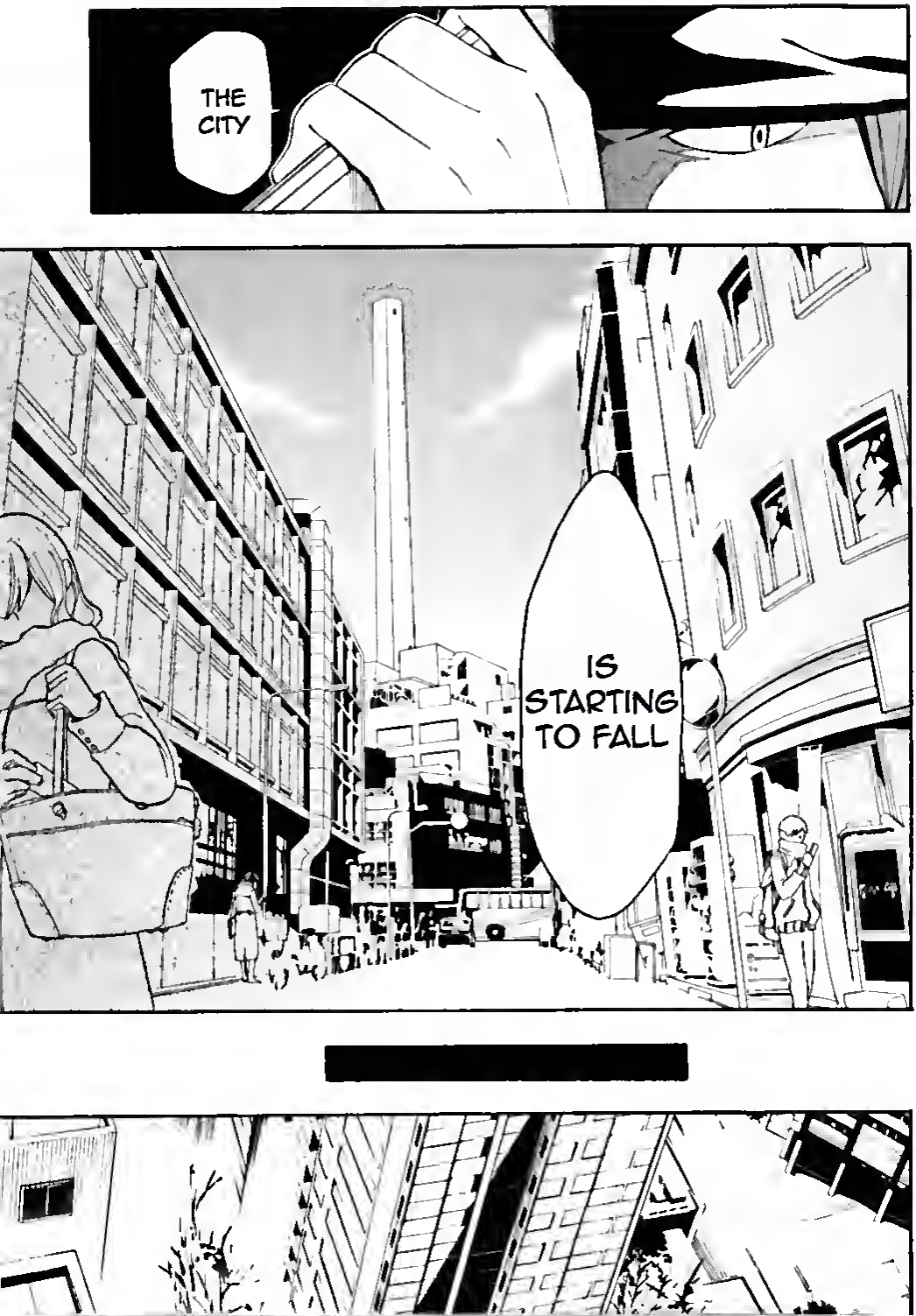
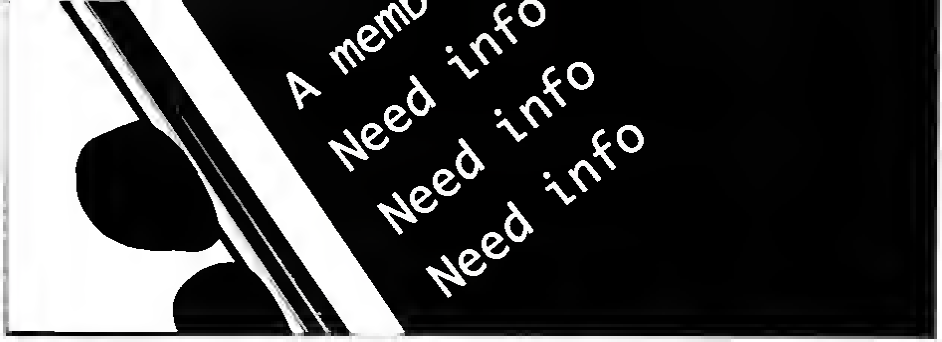

THE CITY
IS STARTING TO FALL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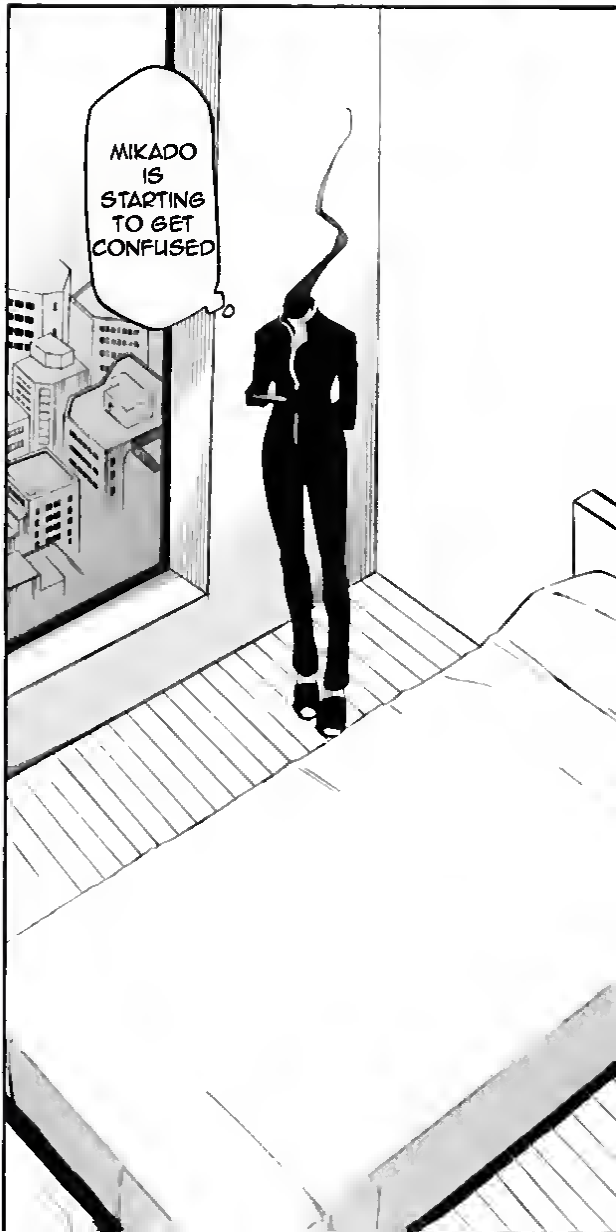
THE CITY IS IN AN UPROAR BECAUSE OF THE SLASHER

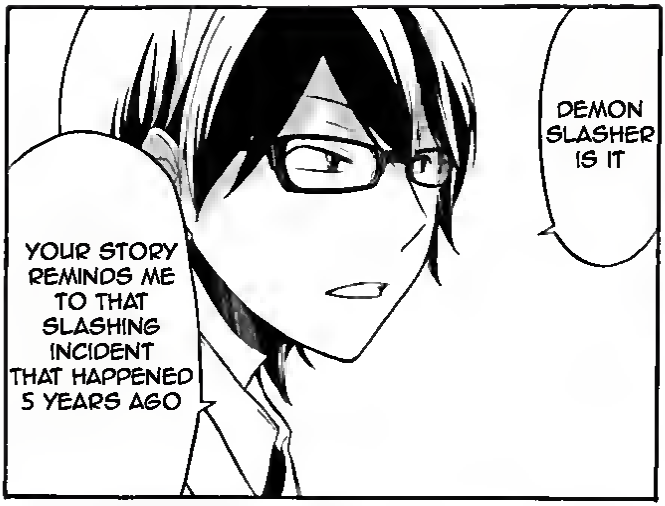
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT
THERE ARE SO MANY VICTIMS BUT NOBODY DIED...


MIKADO IS STARTING TO GET CONFUSED

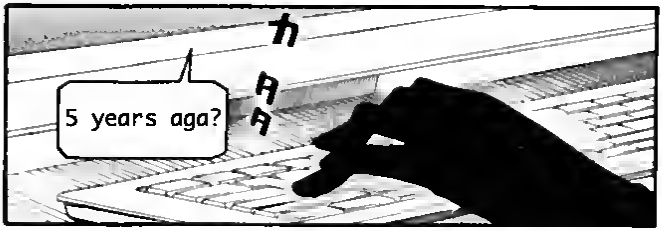
MAYBE HE KNOWS THAT I DON'T HAVE A HEAD?
IF SO, WHY DID HE COME TO KNOCK OFF MY HELMET? IT'S SO STRANGE
BACK THEN, A SHADOW WITH RED EYES DID SLASH MY HEAD
BUT SINCE THERE WASN'T ANY BLOOD SO HE SLASHED MY HEAD
I THINK THAT'S THE CASE
MAYBE HE CAME TO INJURE ME, SO HE SLASHED ME
NO MATTER WHAT, I CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THIS
.....

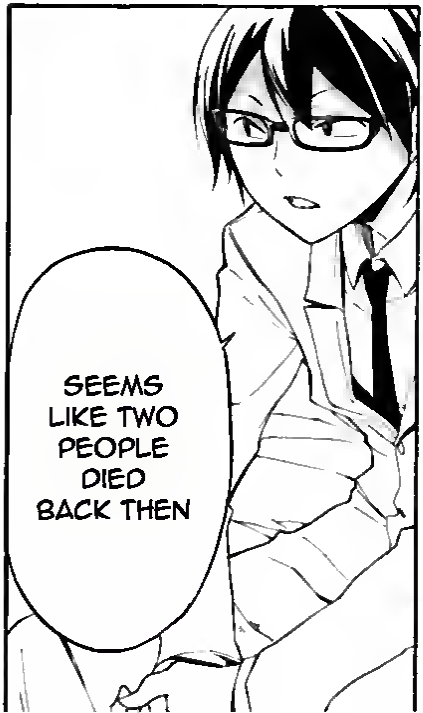
WELL, WELL, CELTY
I CAN'T LET HIM WANDER AROUND SO RECKLESSLY IN THIS IKEBUKURO I LIVE IN
DON'T TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY
RATHER THAN THINKING OVER IT, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY
JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN DO
Shinra
You're back

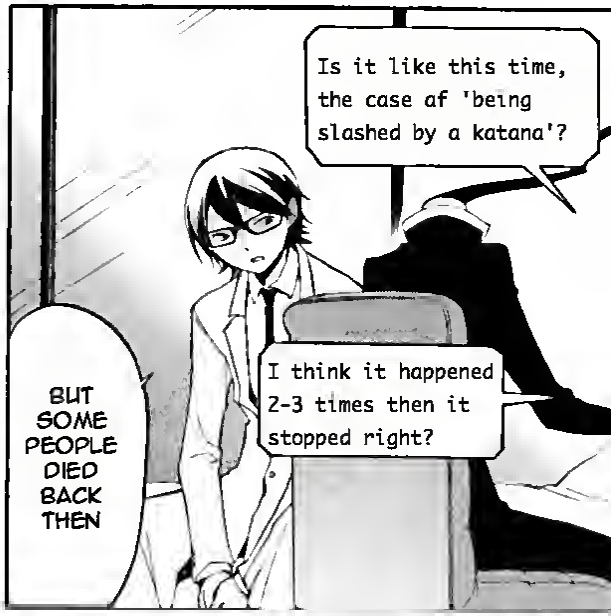
BY THE WAY
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M JUST ARRIVED
CAN'T YOU JUST GO PATROL THE STREETS EVERY NIGHT?
Yeah


DEMON SLASHER IS IT
YOUR STORY REMINDS ME TO THAT SLASHING INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED 5 YEARS AGO

Everyone is already thinking that I'm related to the deman slasher


5 years aga?


SEEMS LIKE TWO PEOPLE DIED BACK THEN


Is it like this time, the case af 'being slashed by a katana'?
I think it happened 2-3 times then it stopped right?
BUT SOME PEOPLE DIED BACK THEN

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.....
カカカカカ
THE OTHER VICTIMS ONLY GOT MINOR INJURIES
Thing is I don't know how he looks like.
I have no idea.
Saika?
SAIKA
SONG OF SIN?
カカカ
AH, NO
'SAIKA' AS IN 'SONG OF SIN'

Saika
Do you know him? Or is it you?!
NO, NO I WOULDN'T DO SUCH THINGS
This is the nome of o spommer in chotrooms ond forums reloted to Ikebukuro!
UM...
CELTY, YOU'RE ALWAYS IN IKEBUKURO, SO YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS
スーピー…
IF I WANT TO SPAM, I CAN JUST FIND MY HACKER FRIEND AND HAVE HIM SPAM UNTIL MY ENEMIES GIVE IN
Whatever Forget it What did you say about Saika

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SEEMS LIKE SAIKA ONCE EXISTED IN SHINJUKU
MY, THINK ABOUT IT, THAT KANRA GUY IN THE CHATROOM TALKED ABOUT SOME THINGS REGARDING THE BLADE
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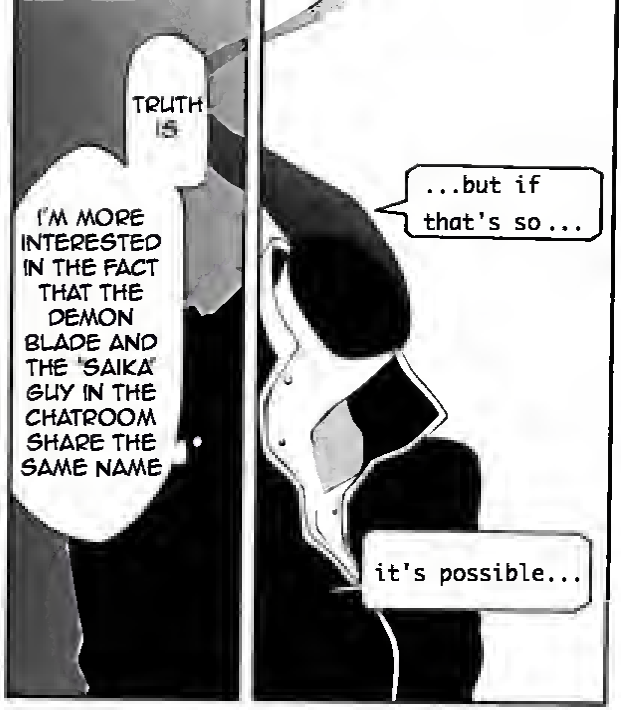
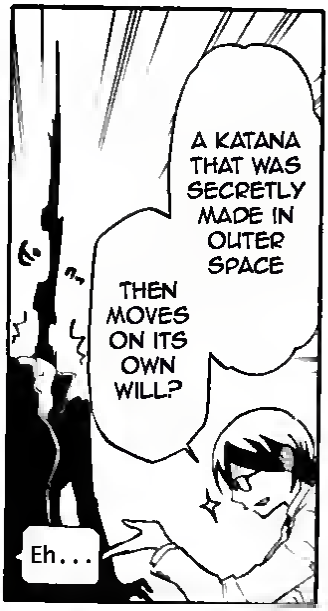
CUTE

TALK ABOUT SAIKA
TALK ABOUT IT, I THINK I ONCE READ A BOOK THAT TALKED ABOUT IT
.....
Don't browse through others' chot log
SORRY ABOUT IT SORRY LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT
ONCE, IN SHIN-JUKU
A REAL
IN FACT
A REAL 'DEMON BLADE' DID EXIST
How con things like o demon blode exist? Think obout it reolisticolly
Deman blade...
Shinra, I thaught yau're a realist
.....haa?
WHAT IS THAT 'HA' FOR...

MY MY
AFTER WATCHING A UFO SPECIAL ON TV
SAYING THAT THOSE LITTLE GREY CREATURES ARE SCARY AND SHIVERING AT THE SIGHT OF THEM, WHO'S THAT?
That...right! Compared to that blade, an alien is more likely to exist!
AFTER SEEING A COW GOT SUCKED INTO THE SKY
Uh...
WHO'S THE ONE WHO GOT SCARED AND WENT LIKE 'WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I GOT SUCKED INTO THE SKY?'
Annoying
Annoying
So annoying!
WHAT IF THE BLADE IS MADE BY ALIENS?

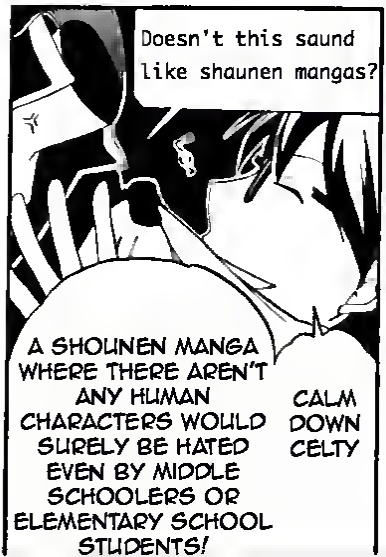

TRUTH IS
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE FACT THAT THE DEMON BLADE AND THE 'SAIKA' GUY IN THE CHATROOM SHARE THE SAME NAME
...but if that's so...
it's possible...


A KATANA THAT WAS SECRETLY MADE IN OUTER SPACE
THEN MOVES ON ITS OWN WILL?
Eh...

THEN, IT FOUGHT WITH A HEROIC WESTERN SPIRIT...
Wait a sec!!

Um hm
IN SHINJUKU AFTER THE WAR
SAIKA, THE DEMON BLADE, WREAKED HAVOC AS IT SEEKS FOR FRESH BLOOD

THEN


Doesn't this saund like shaunen mangas?
A SHOUNEN MANGA WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY HUMAN CHARACTERS WOULD SURELY BE HATED EVEN BY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS OR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!
CALM DOWN CELTY

EH?
HOWEVER THAT WAR STOPPED WHEN A BAMBOO TURNED INTO A SPEAR...
Sorry
I've heard enaugh
ANYWAY LET ME FINISH WHAT I WAS SAYING FIRST
Go on
Enough
Anyway, I'm going out
I'M JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART
Can't yau tell after brawsing the chat lag?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

That guy called Saika mentianed Shizua's name a lat
If it has samething ta da with the Slasher, it wan't hurt ta hear fram him abaut it
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I'll ga find Shizua

デュラララ!! 罪歌編